

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2447 – SB 2647

February 15, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes the limitation for receiving the HOPE Scholarship from semester hours to semester hours funded by the scholarship program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of lottery proceeds earmarked for scholarships and grants by \$1,200,000 in FY08-09 and by \$1,224,000 in FY09-10.

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), approximately 600 students exceeded the 120 semester hours and did not earn a degree in FY06-07.
- Approximately 600 students will be eligible to receive an additional \$2,000 for one additional semester.
- The increase of expenditures from lottery proceeds is estimated to be \$1,200,000 (600 students x \$2,000 = \$1,200,000) in FY08-09.
- The number of students that will qualify in the second year (FY09-10) is estimated to increase by 2.0% (to a total of 612 students).
- The increase of expenditures from lottery proceeds is estimated to be \$1,224,000 (612 students x \$2,000 = \$1,224,000) in FY09-10.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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